Chittorgarh—Ratlam — Indore (from NH-15 to NH—3) and (ii) Gurgaon—Alwar—Sariska—Dausa—Sawai Madhopur—Shivpuri as National Highways;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Even though the inadequacy of resources has affected the proper upkeep of National Highways, including those in the State of Rajasthan, all efforts are being made to keep them intraffic worthy condition within the available resources.

(b) The requirement of funds for the maintenance of National Highways is worked out as per established norms. However, the availability of resources is much below the requirements. During the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 460 lacs has been released so far.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. However, on account of resource constraints, it has not been possible to declare these roads as National Highways.

Exchange of Enclaves Between India and Bangladesh

*290. DR. D. VENKATESWAR RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of West Bengal has sent a proposal to the Central Government for immediate exchange of enclaves between India & Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are about 130 Indian enclaves within the Bangladesh territory and over 90 Bangladeshi enclaves in the Indian side;

(d) whether Government are considering the proposal; and

(e) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be considered and whether Bangladesh Government has been consulted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister of West Bengal had written to the previous Prime Minister Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao by letter dated 7 February 1996 on the implementation of the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 and exchange of enclaves with Bangladesh.

(c) As per information available, there are 119 exchangeable Indian enclaves in Bangladesh and 72 Bengladesh exchangeable enclaves in India.

(d) and (e) The exchange of enclaves is directly linked to and will necessarily follow the demarcation of boundary with Bangladesh. The demarcation of about 41 kilometres of the Indo-Bangladesh land boundary is yet to be completed. Government propose to complete the task of demarcation of the boundary with Bangladesh with the cooperation of the concerned State Governments.

UN-Convention Against Torture

*291. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UN-Convention against torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment has not yet been adopted by India and other developing countries, even after a decade of its adoption by the United Nations;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far for adoption of the said UN-Convention, and the reasons for the delay in adoption thereof; and

(c) whether it finds a place in the Minimum Common Programme of Government?